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SUBJECT: BDG PROGRESS ON ACCESSION TO UN TERROR FINANCING CONVENTION

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1. (SBU) In reftel, post reported that BDG plans to accede to the Convention on the Suppression of Financing of Terrorism. On August 8, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director General Fazlul Karim confirmed to Resident Legal Advisor (RLA) that Bangladesh will be a party to the U.N Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing. He said that the cabinet has approved the accession and the government is now preparing the Instrument of Accession for signature by the Foreign Minister. According to Karim, once the Instrument is signed, it will be sent to the Secretary General of the United Nations whereby Bangladesh will be a party to the convention.

2. (SBU) Karim told RLA that BDG will lodge two reservations. First is a reservation to Section 24 of the convention, which concerns the resolution of disputes by arbitration, and if arbitration fails, by the International Court of Justice.

3. (SBU) BDG's second reservation is that Bangladesh will not recognize provisions which contravene the country's constitution.

4. (SBU) Post has requested BDG to confirm via Diplomatic Note the deposit of the Instrument of Accession.
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